

### **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

#### **Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A handrail (18) attached to a tarpaulin cloth (12) having a handlebar (22) -held between two bushes (20), with the bushes each having a screw thread (26) that is inserted through the tarpaulin cloth in order to fasten them to ~~the~~ a tarpaulin frame, and with which the bush is affixed to the tarpaulin frame.

2. (Original) The handrail as recited by claim 1, characterized in that the bush (20) has a fastening arm (24) on which the screw thread (26) is arranged.

3. (Currently Amended) The handrail as recited by claim 1 or 2, characterized in that one set collar (36) which is slid onto the tarpaulin frame ~~tube~~ (16), is provided per bush, and which set collar may be affixed to the tarpaulin frame ~~tube~~ by means of a screw with an outside thread, with the screw having a sufficient length that, after the set collar has been fixed on the tarpaulin frame ~~tube~~, the bush can still be bolted onto a protruding portion of the screw.

4. (Currently Amended) The handrail (18) as recited by claim —3, characterized in that the handlebar (22) is a tube with a round cross section.

5. (Previously Presented) The handrail (18) as recited by claim 4, characterized in that the handlebar (22) may be inserted into the bush (20) and fixed in place with a locking bolt (30).

6. (Previously Presented) The handrail (18) as recited by claim 4, characterized in that the handlebar (22) may be inserted into the bush (20) and fixed in place by means of a support spring (34).

7. (Currently Amended) A tarpaulin (12) for a boat (10), having a tarpaulin cloth and a handrail attached to the tarpaulin, the handrail as recited by claim\_1.

8. (Original) The tarpaulin (12) as recited by claim 7, characterized in that the tarpaulin (12) has a tarpaulin frame (16) over which the tarpaulin cloth is stretched and to which the handrail (18) is attached.

9. (Currently Amended) A bush (20) that has a fastening device for mounting the bush on a boat tarpaulin (12), to which bush (20) a handrail as recited by claim 1\_is\_attached.

10. (Previously Presented) The bush (20) as recited by claim 9, characterized in that the bush (20) has a screw thread (26) that is integral to the bush and a screw nut that is complementary thereto with which the bush is fixed into place.

11. (Previously Presented) The bush (20) as recited by claim 9, characterized in that the bush has a fastening arm (24) in which a bore with an inside thread (32) is provided and the bush (20) further includes a complementary screw that is screwed into the inside thread in order to fix the bush into place.